IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-9 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for individualizing a hearing aid in adaptation to a loudness perception of an individual, said method consisting of the following:

- measurement and quantification by parameters of the loudness perception of the individual, weighted by a first factor;
- weighting of a normal loudness perception and its parameters by a second factor and use of the weighted loudness perception and its parameters for adjusting the hearing aid.

2. (Amended) The method as in claim 1, wherein compression and/or amplification is/are adjusted in the hearing aid, for which purpose the compression and, respectively, the amplification are each determined as a function of frequency.

3. (Amended) The method as in claim 2, wherein for determining the compression, the loudness perception of the individual is quantified by means of a HVLS/LOHL factor which is determined by loudness scaling at a minimum of one frequency.

4. (Amended) The method as in claim 3, wherein the HVLS/LOHL factor is modeled using the equation

$$\log_{10}(\alpha) = a_a \times HV/HL + b_a \times \log(HVHL) + VP_{consta}$$

where

- α = a gradient of the loudness function,

- HV/HL = a hearing loss in dB,

- a_a, b_a = a constant function parameter, and

- Vp_{consta} = an individual function parameter which adapts the HVLS/LOHL factor to data sampling points α_1, α_2, α_3, ...,

and that VP_{consta} is determined on the basis of a loudness scaling performed at a minimum of one frequency.

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5. (Amended) The method as in claim 2, wherein for determining the amplification, the loudness perception of the individual is quantified by means of an HVL0/HLL0 factor which is defined by loudness scaling at a minimum of one frequency.

6. (Amended) The method as in claim 5, wherein the HVL0/HLL0 factor is modeled using the equation

$$L_0 = a_L \times HV/HL + b_L \times \log(HV/HL) + VP_{constL},$$

where

- L_0 = a level of loudness=0,

- HV/HL = a hearing loss in dB,

- a_L, b_L = a constant function parameter, and

- VP_{constL} = an individual function parameter which adapts the HL0/HLL0 function to the data sampling points L_{01}, L_{02}, L_{03}, ...,

and that VP_{constL} is determined on the basis of a loudness scaling performed at a minimum of one frequency.

7. (Amended) The method as in one of the claims 4 to 6, wherein the hearing loss

is used for determining the frequencies at which loudness scaling is performed.

8. (Amended) The method as in one of the claims 3 to 6, wherein the value of the weighted factors depends on the assumed and/or determined accuracy of the loudness scaling data.

9. (Amended) The method as in claim 8, further comprising the selection of a value of 2/3 for the first factor and or a value of 1/3 for the second factor.